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	10/517,402	CRISCUOLO ET AL.	
	Examiner Christina D. Gettman	Art Unit 3734	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 02 October 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: N/A.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Augagneur et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicantant and Examiner discussed potential amendments to claim 1 to overcome the rejection made by Augagneur et al. The distinction, as pointed out by the examiner, is that there is no longitudinal gap between the drive thread and the tissue engaging thread. As is clearly shown in Fig. 1 of Augagneur et al., if the tissue engaging thread were rotated less than one convolution, it would be longitudinally aligned with the drive thread. However, the tissue engaging thread would need to be moved up along the shaft to be axially aligned with the drive tthead.